
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING TEAM HOKU FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII AT HILO FOR THEIR WIN IN THE 2015 MICROSOFT IMAGINE
CUP PITCH VIDEO CHALLENGE - IN THE GAMES CATEGORY.

1 WHEREAS, the Microsoft Imagine Cup Competition is
2 recognized as the premier global student technology competition
3 where competitors are challenged to use technology to help solve
4 the world's toughest problems, and the Pitch Video Challenge
5 gives students a chance to pitch a project in a video, tell the
6 story of their project, share their team goals and timelines,
7 and explain what the overall effect would be; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State House of Representatives is proud
10 to recognize TEAM HOKU team members BRIAN HALL, THEODORE DEREGO,
11 LUCAS DEREGO, and CASEY PEARRING for their victory in the 2015
12 Microsoft Imagine Cup Pitch Video Challenge - in the Games
13 Category; and
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15 WHEREAS, TEAM HOKU's project, reForge, is a 2D online sci-
16 fi sandbox game where players create customizable ships to
17 compete in battles, collect resources, trade in a player-driven
18 economy, and team up to competitively control various parts of
19 the game universe; and
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21 WHEREAS, BRIAN HALL is the business planner and video
22 coordinator for TEAM HOKU; a graduate student in computer
23 science at UH-Manoa, he also serves as director of KeikiTech and
24 provides research support for the Daniel K. Inouye Pacific Basin
25 Agriculture Research Center; and
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27 WHEREAS, the lead programmer for TEAM HOKU, THEODORE DEREGO
28 is a junior in computer science at UH-Hilo, a member of UH HILO-
29 ACM Programming Team, and a programmer at the Daniel K. Inouye
30 Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center; and
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1 WHEREAS, LUCAS DEREGO is TEAM HOKU's designer and program
2 coder and is currently attending Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii
3 Campus; and
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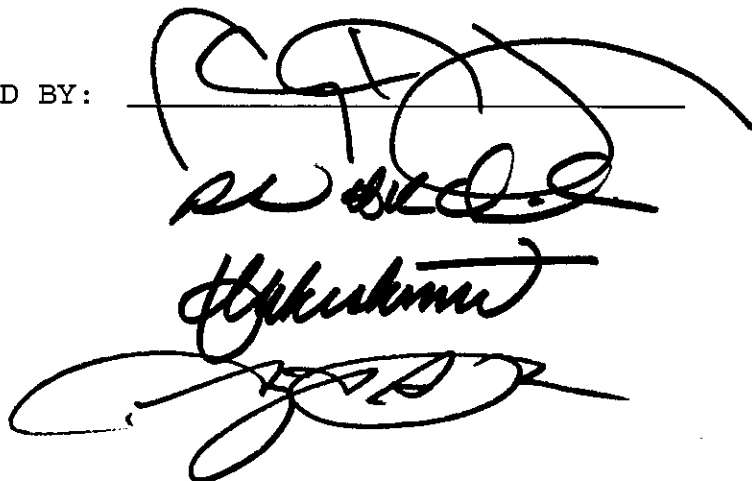
5 WHEREAS, CASEY PEARRING is the art lead, gameplay designer,
6 and backup coder for TEAM HOKU; he is a senior majoring in
7 computer science at UH-Hilo, and a robotics technician and
8 software engineer for the Pacific International Space Center for
9 Exploration Systems; and
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11 WHEREAS, Associate Professor KEITH EDWARDS assisted TEAM
12 HOKU as their faculty member, and students KRISTIN PEDERSON and
13 KELLI YAMANE also supported TEAM HOKU by working on
14 documentation aspects of the game; and
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16 WHEREAS, TEAM HOKU, chosen over all other groups from
17 around the world, will receive a \$3,000 prize for their win, and
18 will also advance to the Blueprint and User Experience
19 Challenges in the 2015 Imagine Cup Competition; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2015, that this body hereby commends, honors, and
24 congratulates TEAM HOKU for their win in the 2015 Microsoft
25 Imagine Cup Pitch Video Challenge - in the Games Category, and
26 extends to the entire team its warmest aloha and best wishes for
27 continued success in all future endeavors.
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